UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 3:18-CV-32
v.) Judges
REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT)
2428 COVERED BRIDGE BOULEVARD, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37932,)
,)
Defendant.)

VERIFIED COMPLAINT IN REM

Comes now the plaintiff, United States of America, by and through its attorneys, J. Douglas Overbey, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Kelly A. Norris, Assistant United States Attorney, and brings this complaint and alleges as follows in accordance with Rule G(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. In this in rem civil action, the United States of America seeks forfeiture of the real property having a mailing address of 2428 Covered Bridge Boulevard, Knoxville, Tennessee 37932 (hereinafter "defendant property").
- 2. The United States of America seeks forfeiture of the defendant property pursuant to:
 - (a) 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), which authorizes forfeiture of all moneys, negotiable instruments, securities, or other things of value furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in violation of the Controlled Substances Act, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used or intended

- to be used to facilitate a violation of the Controlled Substances Act, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and/or 846;
- (b) 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A), which authorizes forfeiture of any property, real or personal, involved in a transaction or attempted transaction, or any property traceable to such property in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956 and/or 1957; and
- (c) 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), which authorizes forfeiture of any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of 1344 of this title, or any offense constituting "specified unlawful activity," as defined in section 1956(c)(7) of this title, or a conspiracy to commit such offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344.

THE DEFENDANT IN REM

3. The United States seeks forfeiture of the following defendant property, with all appurtenances, improvements, and attachments thereon, which are more fully identified and more particularly described below:

SITUATED IN the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, and without the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, and being all of Lot 89, COVERED BRIDGE AT HARDIN VALLEY, Phase 1A, as shown by plat of record in Instrument No. 200701310061966 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, to which plat specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

THIS CONVEYANCE is subject to all applicable restrictions, easements, set-back lines, and other conditions shown of record in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD; NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

Being the same property conveyed to Christopher D. Folden and Laurie E. Folden, husband and wife, from CBHP, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, by Warranty Deed dated June 22, 2015 and filed of record June 22, 2015 as Instrument No. 201506220070530 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

With the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto appertaining, hereby releasing all claims to homestead and dower therein. TO HAVE AND

TO HOLD the said premises to the said Grantees, their heirs and assigns forever.

For further reference see Warranty Deed recorded on August 15, 2017 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee in Instrument Number 201708150010391.

- 4. The defendant property has not been seized but is within the jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1355(b)(1)(A). The United States does not request authority from the Court to seize the defendant property at this time. The United States will, as provided by 18 U.S.C. § 985(b)(2) and (c)(1):
 - a. post notice of this action and a copy of the Complaint on the Defendant Property;
 - b. serve notice of this action on the record owner of the Defendant Property, and any other person or entity who may claim an interest in the Defendant Property, along with a copy of this Complaint;
 - c. execute a writ of entry for purposes of conducting an inspection and inventory of the property; and
 - d. file a notice of *lis pendens* in the county records where the Defendant Property is located.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. Plaintiff brings this action *in rem* in its own right to forfeit and condemn the defendant property. This Court has jurisdiction over an action commenced by the United States under 28 U.S.C. § 1345, and over an action for forfeiture under 28 U.S.C. § 1355(a).
- 6. This Court has *in rem* jurisdiction over the defendant property pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1355(b)(1)(A) because acts or omissions giving rise to the forfeiture of the defendant property occurred in this district.
- 7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1355(b)(1)(A), because the acts or omissions giving rise to the forfeiture occurred in this district, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§ 1395(b) because the defendant property is located in this district.

BASIS FOR FORFEITURE

- 8. The United States of America seeks forfeiture of the defendant property pursuant 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) for violations of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(A) for violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956 and 1957 and 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1344.
- 9. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(h) and 18 U.S.C. § 981(f), all right, title and interest in the defendant properties became vested in the United States at the time of the acts giving rise to the forfeiture.

FACTS

Internal Revenue Service- Criminal Investigation, the Government's investigation has determined that the defendant property was proceeds of drug-related violations of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846 and derived from proceeds traceable to and involved in 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956 and 1957 and property derived from proceeds traceable to violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1344. The owners of the defendant property, Brooke L. Hensley and Debra M. Ridenour, and other coconspirators are engaged in the distribution of heroin, crystal methamphetamine, and marijuana trafficking that operates in Tennessee, Georgia, and elsewhere, and are laundering drug proceeds in order to hide and disguise these proceeds from law enforcement officials and to promote and facilitate their drug trafficking activities. In addition, Brooke Hensley committed financial fraud that involves financial institutions, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration Board, through loan schemes.

11. The defendant property is subject to forfeiture to the United States in accordance with 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) and 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(A) and 981(a)(1)(C).

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

12. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 11 above.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the United States of America prays:

- (1) Defendant property be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America in accordance with the provisions of law;
- (2) Notice of this action be given to all persons known or thought to have an interest in or right against the defendant property;
- (3) Plaintiff be awarded its costs in this action and for such other necessary and equitable relief as this Court deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I, Meredith L. Loudon, Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division, hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury as provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the following:

That I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint *In Rem* and know the contents thereof, and that the matters contained in the Verified Complaint *In Rem* and in the accompanying Affidavit are true to my own knowledge, except that those matters herein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

The sources of my knowledge and information and the grounds of my belief are from information gathered by law enforcement officers, as well as my investigation of this case with the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division.

I hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 25 day of January, 2018.

Meredith L. Loudon

Special Agent

Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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